HIT Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2013

Attendees:
*Chair - Lynette Dickson, Center for Rural Health
*Vice Chair - Dan Kelly, McKenzie County Healthcare Systems
*Todd Bortke, St. Alexius Medical Center
*Lisa Clute, First District Health
*Lisa Feldner, NDUS
*Neil Frame, Metro Area Ambulance
*Barb Groutt, ND Healthcare Review (QIO)
*Courtney Koebele, ND Medical Association
*Jim Long, West River Health System
*Darin Meschke, Dept. of Health
*Laurie Peters, ND Health Information Mngrs. Assoc.
*Mike Ressler, Information Technology Department
*Tami Ternes, Governor's Office
*Tony Tardugno, BCBSND
*Pamela Thompson, Long Term Care Association
*Representative Robin Weisz, ND Legislature
*Jenny Witham, Dept. of Human Services
Pamela Crawford, Attorney General's Office
Tina Gagner, RN, ITD
Jennifer Kunz, ITD
Mike Mullen, Contractor
Chad Peterson, ITD
Sheldon Wolf, HIT Director – ITD

Not Present:
*Senator Lee, ND Legislature
*Janis Cheney, AARP
*Jerry Jurena, ND Hospital Association
*Caryn Hewitt, Sanford Health
*Shelly Peterson, Long Term Care Association

*denotes appointed HIT Advisory Committee members

1) **Approval of Agenda**

2) **Consent Agenda & Minutes**
   - **Approved.**

3) **NDHIN**
   - Direct continues to be successfully utilized! There are currently 110 Agreements, 7 pending and 566 authorized users
   - DSM 2.0 – the NDHIN is working with Orion to begin beta testing the next version of DSM
   - Signed Participation Agreements - http://ndhin.org/providers/participating-providers
   - Project Status
     - **Jamestown Regional Medical Center** –ADT and Lab/Rad ORU feeds are **in Production!** Clinical documents interface analysis in progress
     - **Sanford Fargo** – ADT testing complete, preparing for Validation testing, sending immunizations via pass-through in Production
     - **St. Alexius** – ADT and Lab/Rad ORU Validation Testing in progress
     - **Altru** – ADT testing complete, Lab ORU testing almost complete, preparing for Validation testing
     - **Sanford Bismarck** – ADT testing complete, Lab ORU testing almost complete, preparing for Validation testing
     - **Family Healthcare** - VPN in progress, Readiness Assessment submitted
     - **Essentia** – VPN configuration in progress
     - **Mid Dakota Clinic** – VPN complete, focusing on NDIIS interoperability at this time
     - **Trinity Health** –ADT and Lab ORU testing in progress
     - **Others onboarding OR planning to onboard-** Catholic Health Initiatives, Midgarden Clinic, Great Plains Clinic, LPHU's associated with Champ Software, Great Plains Women's Clinic, Wishek, Family Healthcare, St. Aloisius, Linton Hospital, Jacobson Memorial, Coal Country CHC, Sakakawea Medical Center and Healthland (a single VPN connection that could server the NWAIT partners that use Healthland).
     - Contact Chad Peterson at 701-328-1955 or chapeterson@nd.gov if you are ready to begin planning your connection!
     - Veterans Association asked about connection. The VA is very interested in connecting and this is very positive.
     - Essentia we are doing testing with ADT and ORU.
     - Working with Dakota Carrier Network on one VPN connection thru DCN.
     - Prescription Drug Monitoring Program is being worked on currently.
     - ONC indicating there will not be a no cost extension given for the HIE.

4) Survey Results – Lynette Dickson & Shawnda Schroeder, Center for Rural Health, UND

- High level progress on the HIE evaluation.
- Shawnda shared 4 key surveys
  - <u>Environmental scan</u>-Survey of the 12 different provider groups. Chiropractic, ambulance, long term, optometry and public health surveys have been completed. Some of the providers will be resurveyed.
  - <u>Key informative interviews</u>.-conducted by selecting from the HITAC member list stratified to have a good balance.   These interviews will be conducted by phone.
  - <u>Focus groups with ND users</u>-survey will be conducted with NDHIN users. A random selection will be done to select participants with three or four focus groups completed around the state and by BTWAN.
  - <u>Survey of the HIT revolving loan recipients</u>. All participants, still waiting on 4 of the 24 to complete their surveys.
- Based upon the first round of survey information, 65% responded they have a certified EHER and 100% of them said they would be live by 2014.
- Long Term Care Providers - 47% have an EHR system as of May and an additional 33% would have an EHR by 2015
- Public Health 50% responded, 20% anticipate implementation in next 2 years and 50% already had an EHR in place.
- Reasons for not having it was lack of financial resources, lack of IT EHR staff, return of investment, difficultly with reimbursement, difficulty with acceptance by provider staff.
- NDHIN awareness: Long term care, public health, home health, pharmacy, hospital all indicated somewhat to very aware and little to no awareness came from ambulance, chiropractic, dental, optometry, mental health.
- Asked why they haven't been using Direct yet?   Primary reason indicated was no cases where Direct would be useful yet, primary exchange partners do not have it yet or have other secure methods for exchange.
- Chad indicated that until recently the larger hospitals have had a hard time bringing Direct into their system, but with the 2014 certification, larger systems are now required to have Direct as part of their certified EHR systems.

5) Provider Grants

- Midgarden - $1500 to add immunization registry interoperability into their system. We originally approved $5, 488 with this change the new total will be $6,988. Sheldon recommends approval.
- Courtney Koebele moved to approve. Dan Kelly second. Motion moved unanimously.

6) Legal & Policy Domain Workgroup

- Administrative Rules hearing before the Legislative Rules Committee - Dec. 12th 10:00 AM CST, Roughrider Room. The Rules can be viewed at http://www.healthit.nd.gov/files/2010/07/Admin-Rule_Article-113.pdf
- Pam will be done working at the end of the year so co-chair position will be available. Patti Kritzenburger is willing to step up to this position. Sheldon recommends approving Patti as the co-chair. Dan Kelly moved to approve, Tony Tardugno second. Motion carried unanimously.

7) **Communication & Education Domain Workgroup**
- Notices sent to all providers in the state regarding the NDHIN.
- Weekly webinars are held to provide information on the NDHIN.
- Starting mid Jan to beginning of February we will start with the releases of information going through the TV ads running for a couple of months.

8) **Clinical Domain Workgroup**
- Worked through a selection process for the imaging solution.
- Future topic is data standards.

9) **Finance Domain Workgroup**
- Needs to start meeting again. If anyone is interested in being on this committee that have not been on there we will get you on there.

10) **REACH**
- REACH is submitting for a no cost extension. There will be some support available on a limited base.
- Going to add an additional service called Reach plus to help providers meet Meaningful use Stage II
- Continuing a small pilot program with BCBS.
- HIT consultants are continuing their assessments and audits.

11) **Medicaid**
- Tory Brabant has been hired to replace Nancy Willis.

12) **Other Business**
- eHealth Summit had 83 attendees and 7 sponsors. Very successful summit.
- If there are presentations you would like to see at next year's summit, please let us know.

13) Motion to adjourn made by Courtney Koebele, Tony Tardugno second, motion moved.

Adjourned at 2:32.